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Date: February 28, 2002

Docket No.: 1110-0307P

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  $\square$  continuation  $\boxtimes$  divisional continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/297,328 filed on April 29, 1999, contents of which are hereby incorporated by the entire reference, by

NAGATA, Shigekazu; YATOMI, Takehiro; and SUDA, Takashi

for

PROPHYLACTIC/THERAPEUTIC AGENT

- Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, 1.  $\boxtimes$ drawings/photographs claims, declaration and applicable).
- The filing fee has been calculated as follows:  $\boxtimes$ 2.

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•	BASIC FEE		\$740.00	\$370.00
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TOTAL CLAIMS	15-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT	5-3 =	2	x 84 = \$168.00	x 42 = \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$908.00	\$0.00

- 3. A check in the amount of \$908.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- 4. 
  Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
- 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
  - --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/297,328, filed on April 29, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
  - b. December

    -This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/297,328, filed on April 29, 1999and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120. Application No. 09/297,328 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP97/03978 filed on October 31, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application Nos. 08-290459; 08-351718; and 09-262521 filed in JAPAN on October 31, 1996; December

27, 1996; and September 26, 1997, respectively, under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

- 6. Enclosed is/are <u>twenty-one</u> (21) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/297,328 on \_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. 

  The current application qualifies for small entity status.
- 8. 

  The prior application is assigned to Mochida Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. and Osaka Bioscience Institute
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  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. Priority of Application No(s). filed in on is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_.
- Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP97/03978 filed on October 31, 1997 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application Nos. 08-290459; 08-351718; and 09-262521 filed in JAPAN on October 31, 1996; December 27, 1996; and September 26, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
- 11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- 12. Address all future communications to:

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- 13. An extension of time for () month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/297,328 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- 14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Receipt of Deposit of Microorganisms; and

Verification of Translation.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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